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1. REFTEL REQUESTED COMMENTS ON GUILIO TAMAGNINI, RECENTLY ASSIGNED AS MINISTER-COUNSELOR AT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. HE SERVED FOR SLIGHTLY MORE THAN FOUR YEARS IN THE SAME POSITION IN MOSCOW. PRIOR TO THAT, WE UNDERSTAND HE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE ITALIAN MISSION TO NATO IN PARIS AND BRUSSELS, WITH EARLIER POSTINGS IN BELGRADE, THE UK AND EGYPT.

2. OF NORTHERN ITALIAN ORIGIN, TAMAGNINI SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY AND SEEMED FULL OF ENTHUSIASM ABOUT HIS ASSIGNMENT TO WASHINGTON. HE GAVE EVERY IMPRESSIO OF BEING FRIENDLY AND SYMPATHETIC TO AMERICANS. ALTHOUGH HE SEEMED SOMEWHAT RANK CONSCIOUS AND CULTIVATED THE IMAGE OF OLD-WORLD DIPLOMAT, WHEN HIS WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT SURFACED WE COULD DETECT A NEW NOTE OF DOWN-TO-EARTH FOLKSINESS (RELATIVELY SPEAKING). HIS ITALIAN COLLEAGUES HAVE HINTED SLIGHTLY AT AN ELEMENT OF INDECISION IN HIS MAKEUP.

3. TAMAGNINI'S PASSIONS INCLUDE BRIDGE, WHICH HE PLAYS BRILLIANTLY AND FEROCIOUSLY, SETTING ASIDE DIPLOMACY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSESSING THE PLAY OF OTHERS. HE ALSO HAS AN AFFECTION

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FOR CARS, AND INQUIRED WITH SOME TREPIDATION ABOUT TAKING
HIS ALFA-ROMEO 2000 SEDAN TO WASHINGTON. MRS. TAMAGNINI
IS A RETIRING PERSON, BUT SYMPATHETIC AND INTELLIGENT.
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